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1. INDOCHINA

STIFF TAX IMPOSED TO CURB MERCHANTS IN SVN. MOVE HITS
ALL SMALL BUSINESS, BUT PARTICULARLY AIMED AT CHO LON
CHINESE (AFP, NYT).

2. THAILAND

SENI TAKES OVER DEFENSE PORTFOLIO AFTER RESIGNATION
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DEF MINISTER WHO WAS CRITICIZED FOR FAILING CONTROL
MILITARY IN PRAPHAS AFFAIR (WP).

DIRECTOR IRANIAN NATL OIL CO AT BANGKOK, DISCUSSED TRADE

EXPANSION BETWEEN 2 COUNTRIES. THAILAND WOULD LIKE IRAN BUY MORE RICE, CORN, SUGAR; IN RETURN WOULD BUY TRUCKS, TRACTORS, FACTORY EQUIPMENT FROM IRAN (PHINQ).

3. MALAYSIA/INDONESIA/ASEAN

CANADIAN FONMIN MACEACHAN ARRIVES KL FROM JAKARTA FOR 2-DAY OFFICIAL VISIT. SAYS VISIT TO EXPRESS CANADIAN

SUPPORT ASEAN (REUTER KL). AT JAKARTA DURING 3-DAY VISIT SAID CANADA WOULD CONSIDER INDO REQUEST BUY NUKE POWER REACTOR AS LONG AS SATISFIED TECHNOLOGY USED FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES ONLY (REUTER JAKARTA 8/25).

4. FIJI

5 RESCUED WHEN US YACHT WRECKED ON REEF 165 MI NE SUVA (AP, NYDN).

5. JAPAN

MIKI SEEN SURVIVING LATEST CHALLENGE BY FUKUDA/OHIRA. CLUNG TO POWER AFTER 3-HR MEETING WITH RIVALS WED (WP). NEITHER SIDE GAVE GROUND. PM SEEN PLANNING CALL SPECIAL SESSION DIET SOON, TO CONSIDER PRESSING ECON BILLS PACKAGE. PM HOME, OFFICE SWITCHBOARDS REPORTED JAMMED BY CALLS FROM SUPPORTERS WED AM, FOLLOWING TV APPEARANCE NITE BEFORE (MALCOLM, NYT; ABRIDGED IN SUN). MCKENZIE (REUTER) REPORTS LDP EXECS MET THURS AM, TO SEEK NARROW DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PRO/ANTI-MIKI FORCES; ANTI-MIKI LEADERS SET UP OWN EXEC CMTE TO COORDINATE STRATEGY AGAINST PM. NO ONE WILLING PREDICT OUTCOME, NOT CLEAR WHO WILL SUCCEED MIKI IF OUSTED.

THIEVES "VOLUNTARILY" RETURNED CENTURY-OLD BICENTENNIAL GIFT BONSAI TO NATL ARBORETUM WED. STOLEN SAT BY YOUTHS WHO LURED GUARD FROM POST (UPI, NYDN).
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6. JAPAN/AUSTRALIA

MITSUBISHI HEAVY INDUSTRIES HAS DEFERRED SIGNING CONTRACT BUILD 4 BULK CARRIERS FOR AUSTRALIA NATL LINE. ANL SPOKESMAN, IN TOKYO, SAID REASONS "POLITICAL" WELL AS TECHNICAL. GOA SEEN CONCERNED ORDER PLACED JAPAN MIGHT LEAD CLOSURE 2 AUSSIE SHIPYARDS (UPI, JOC; NYT).

7. HONG KONG

TROPICAL STORM LASHED HK W/HEAVY RAINS 8/25; 9 KILLED, 62 INJURED, 13 MISSING, OVER 3000 HOMELESS. WIDESPREAD FLOODING/LANDSLIDES ALSO REPORTED (AP NYDN, NYT, SUN, WP).

8. AUSTRALIA

ATHLETE EVONNE GOOLAGONG, AUSSIE OF ABORIGINE DESCENT, SAYS S AFR/RHODESIAN TENNIS PLAYERS SHOULD BE ALLOWED PARTICIPATE IN FEDERATION CUP TOURNEY BECAUSE "IF GUILT BY ASSOCIATION PREVAILED, THERE WOULD BE VERY LITTLE INTL ATHLETIC COMPETITION" (PHINQ 8/24).

9. PHILIPPINES

REBEL LEADER MAOIST NEW PEOPLE'S ARMY BUSCAYNO, ALIAS "CMDR DANTE" CAPTURED 8/26 AS HE SLEPT IN VILLAGE WITH WIFE/CHILD. DANTE HAD 21,500 DOL PRICE ON HIS HEAD. POLICE SAY RECOVERED SEVERAL HIGH POWERED FIREARMS UNDER HIS BED (UPI, WP; REUTER MANILA).

MARCOS TELLS SEN MANSFIELD PHILS WILL RELY ON OWN RESOURCES TO PROVIDE RELIEF FOR QUAKE/TIDAL WAVE VICTIMS. MARCOS CABLED SEN AFTER SENATE ADOPTED RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SORROW OVER DISASTER, PLEDGED FULL SUPPORT FOR ALL RELIEF EFFORTS FORD MAY DEEM NECESSARY. MANSFIELD, DOS DENY REPORTS DISASTER AID WOULD BE SUPPLIED IN ORDER GAIN LEVERAGE IN CURRENT BASE NEGOTS (UPI).

PHILS, HUNGARY WOMEN'S TENNIS TEAMS JOINED USSR, CZECHOSLOVAKIA IN WITHDRAWING FROM FEDERATION CUP TOURNEY IN PROTEST OVER S AFR/RHODESIAN PARTICIPATION (AP WP, SUN; UNCLASSIFIED

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KORNHEISER, NYT).

10. KOREA

MAC MET PANMUNJON WED. US PRESSED NK PUNISH SOLDIERS WHO KILLED 2 US OFFICERS LAST WEEK. MG HAN JU-KYONG DELIVERED "MILDEST" RESPONSE EVER HEARD IN MAC, EVEN LEFT OUT LABEL "U.S. IMPERIALIST AGGRESSORS." REREAD KIM IL SUNG MESSAGE, THAT INCIDENT "REGRETFUL"; PROPOSED PHYSICAL SEPARATION NK/UNC GUARDS IN TRUCE VILLAGE TO PREVENT FUTURE CLASHES. ADM FRUDDEN CALLED EXPRESSION REGRET "POSITIVE STEP", BUT STILL "UNSATISFACTORY" BECAUSE DID NOT STATE SPECIFIC ACT MAKE AMENDS FOR SLAYINGS. ALSO SAID NK PROPOSAL "MAY BE A POSITIVE STEP" AND WILL STUDY. NO FURTHER MAC MEETINGS SCHEDULED. W DIPLOMAT TERMED NK PROPOSAL "SIGNIFICANT"; RECALLED US MADE SIMILAR ONES 1953, 1970. DIP SOURCES SAID NK MAY HAVE MADE CONCILIATORY GESTURE BECAUSE OF "LUKEWARM SUPPORT" OF PRC, SOV ALLIES. NK GUARDS AVOIDED USUAL PRACTISE OF LOBBYING AGAINST US/SK WITH SK PRESS. ROKG BACKED ALLIED POSITION; INFORMED SOURCES SAID WOULD HAVE PREFERRED TOUGHER STAND (AP PHINQ, NYDN, SUN, WSTAR 8/25, BALTO N-A 8/25).

BUTTERFIELD (NYT) DESCRIBED MAC MEETING AS "BUSINESSLIKE". SAID NK GUARDS DISPLAYED NO HOSTILITY US GUARDS, OR PRESS. NOTED US OFFICIALS SEEMED "SURPRISED" BY NK PROPOSAL; US MIL/DIPLOMATS DECLINED COMMENT ON OUTCOME MAC MEETING (UPI PHOTO OF US/ROK TROOPS FELLING TREE IN DMZ, RELEASED BY DOD WED).

SAAR (WP) SAW SCENARIO FOR DIPLOMATIC SOLUTION TO WK-LONG CRISIS BEING PLAYED OUT. NOTED ROK, UK, PHIL OFFICERS JOINED ADM FRUDDEN, BUT CHAIR FOR CHINA'S SENIOR DELEGATE EMPTY AT MAC MEETING. ADDED UNC DID NOT SET DEADLINE FOR COMPLIANCE WITH DEMANDS, OR THREATEN POSSIBLE SANCTIONS FOR NK REFUSAL.

DOS'S FUNSETH WED CONFIRMED US "STUDYING" NK PROPOSAL. ADDED US HOLDING NK RESPONSIBLE FOR SAFETY UNC PERSONNEL REGARDLESS OF ANY ARRANGEMENTS MADE WITHIN DMZ UNCLASSIFIED

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(GWERTZMAN, NYT; MARDER, WP). SCHWEID (AP) NOTES FUNSETH CONFIRMED US CONTINUING "HIGHER THAN NORMAL" STATE MIL ALERT SK; DESCRIBED CHANGE US REACTION TO KIM IL SUNG MESSAGE AS "REFINEMENT", NOT SWITCH; SAID US INFORMED ROK OF SENIOR ADVISORS MEETING SAT, BUT DID NOT KNOW IF BEFORE OR AFTER.

SEN THURMOND (SC), REP SPENCE (SC), GOV EDWARDS (SC), ROK MG BONG CHANG ATTENDED LT BARRET'S FUNERAL TUES (AP, LAT 8/25; WSTAR 8/25).

REP MURPHY (NY), 66 OTHER REPS WED PROPOSED CONGRESS PROBE KILLINGS, URGED UN CONDUCT INQUIRY (AP, WSTAR 8/25).

SEN JAVITS (NY) TOLD SENATE WED NK MAKING "GRAVE MISTAKE" IF THINKS CAN CREATE DISSENSION IN US BY ACTIONS; SAID KILLINGS IN DMZ "WILL ONLY STRENGTHEN" US RESOLVE/ COMMITMENT TO SK (AP, WASHINGTON).

DOD SPOKESMAN WED DISCLOSED DETAILS OF TREE CUTTING IN JSA SAT, BY 110 UNC TROOPS; ALSO REMOVED 2 NK ROADBLOCKS IN JSA. CONFIRMED F-4'S, HELO GUNSHIPS FLYING NEAR DMZ, B-52'S FLYING FURTHER S (MARDER, GWERTZMAN; AP, PORTLAND OREGONIAN). AP'S MILNE NOTED SOURCES SAID DETAILS WITHHELD 4 DAYS BY ORDER HAK, ON GROUNDS DID NOT WISH INFLAME TENSE SITUATION. (UPI PHOTO OF GI HOLDING SEGMENT OF POPLAR NYDN, WSTAR 8/25; AP PHOTO, SUN).

FUNSETH READ DOS STATEMENT WED CRITICAL OF COLOMBO CONF RES. TERMED PORTIONS ON KOREA, PUERTO RICO "TENDENTIOUS AND ONE-SIDED;" SAID US WILL STUDY OTHERS (TREWITT, SUN;

GWERTZMAN).

11. GENERAL

IN REVIEW WORLD RICE, WHEAT SUPPLIES, WP'S MORGAN NOTES QUANTITIES UP, BUT SO ARE PRICES. MENTIONS EXCELLENT RICE HARVEST MOST SEA LAST FALL. ADDS POOR WEATHER IN AUSTRALIA WIPE OUT EARLY HOPES FOR LARGE GRAIN CROP. IN WRITEUP ON KHARTOUM, DARNTON (NYT) MENTIONS CHINESE UNCLASSIFIED

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JUST COMPLETED FRIENDSHIP HALL, VAST CONVENTION CENTER WITH 2 RESTAURANTS, DUTY-FREE SHOP, ONLY INDOOR CINEMA IN SUDAN; NK BUILDING YOUTH PALACE.

12. CHINA

NOVOSTI REPORTER IOSILEVICH (SUN) GIVES SOVIET VIEWPOINT RE PEKING AND LOS. STATES "COLOSSAL DAMAGE" WOULD BE DONE IF WORLD COMMUNITY FOLLOWED "PEKING RECIPE" FOR ECON ZONES/TERRITORIAL WATERS, WHICH PRC PUTS IN SAME CATEGORY--CONCEPT WITH WHICH MAJORITY STATES CANNOT IDENTIFY. BELIEVES EQUATING TWO CONCEPTS LIKELY RESULT IN MANY NATIONS, ESPECIALLY LAND-LOCKED ONES, LOSING THEIR CHANCE UTILIZE SEAS' WEALTH.

WP, GLOBE REPRINT 8/25 PEOPLE'S DAILY ACCOUNT OF 7/28 TANGSHAN INCIDENT IN WHICH MAN FORSOOK SAVING CHILDREN UNDER COLLAPSED HOUSE IN FAVOR RESCUING DISTRICT PARTY SECRETARY. ITEM STATES THAT FOR PEOPLE OF ENTIRE DISTRICT, MAJORITY INTERESTS, "HE DID NOT BALK AT SACRIFICING HIS OWN CHILDREN..THIS WAS THE NOBLE IDEOLOGICAL WORLD OF CHE CHEN-MING."

13. INDOCHINA/ASEAN

SHAPLEN (GLOBE) SAYS MOST INTRIGUING QUESTION IN ASIA IS SINCERITY VN IN PEACEFUL OVERTURES TO ASEAN NATIONS. STATES ON SURFACE APPEARS HANOI WANTS MAKE PEACE WITH SEA NATIONS, BUT LOOKING DEEPER FOR REAL MOTIVES, FINDS AMPLE REASON REMAIN SKEPTICAL. NOTES OVER NEXT SEVERAL YRS VN WILL BE BUSY RECONSTRUCTING, SO EAGER OBTAIN COOPERATION, SUPPORT FROM NEIGHBORS. MENTIONS PHAN HIEN TRIP, FONMIN TRINH'S CONCILIATORY STATEMENTS. POINTS OUT HANOI APPROACH STRICTLY BILATERAL - BY NO MEANS READY ACCEPT ASEAN AS SUCH, OR JOIN IT. OPINES BILATERAL RELS CAN BE MORE EFFECTIVE IN GETTING HANOI WHAT IT WANTS, ALSO PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY PLAY NATIONS OFF AGAINST EACH OTHER. REPORTS DESPITE VN PLEDGES NOT EXPORT REVOLUTION, THAI INSURGENT CADRES BEING TRAINED IN 2 SECRET CAMPS IN LAOS, WHERE 30,000 NVA TROOPS REMAIN STATIONED, AND IN 1 IN CAMBODIA. SAYS

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HANOI TIMETABLE FOR SUCCESSFUL REVOLUTION IN THAILAND IS 5 YRS; ADDS SINGAPORE'S PM LEE, MALAYSIA'S PM ONN PRIVATELY WORRIED ABOUT THAI SITUATION, WHAT IT PORTENDS FOR THEIR COUNTRIES. BELIEVES WITH INTERNAL PROBLEMS, NEED IMPOSE FAR MORE REGIMENTATION ON SVN, HANOI HAS EVERYTHING TO GAIN BY OFFERING PEACE TO REST SEA; ALSO WANTS RELS W/US.

SHAPLEN POINTS OUT LONG RANGE FACTORS IN HANOI DIPLOMACY: VN DETERMINED GO OWN WAY, PLAY OWN BALANCE-OF-POWER GAME IN SEA; AS SINO-SOVIET COMPETITION IN REGION INCREASES, HANOI'S PURPOSE WILL BE TO MOVE INDEPENDENTLY INTO CONTEST. THINKS VN SEES SELF AS FUTURE ECON/POL/MIL LEADER SEA, PERHAPS ALONG W/INDONESIA. CONCLUDES PRESENT VN POLICY IS TO OBTAIN OBJECTIVES PEACEFULLY; OPINES IN LONG RUN WOULD BE ILLUSORY BELIEVE HANOI WILL NOT LEND SUPPORT/ENCOURAGEMENT TO SEA REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENTS.

O'CONNOR (NYT) MENTIONS SHOWING 1970 CANADIAN TV DOCUMENTARY, "SAD SONG OF THE YELLOW SKIN," THAT SHOWS SAIGON FAT ON CORRUPTION, US MONEY; EFFORTS 3 AMCITS TRYING IMPROVE THINGS: DICK HUGHES, STEVE ERHART, JOHN STEINBECK, JR. FINDS PROGRAM INTERESTING, DISTURBING DUE DESPAIR EVER GETTING BEYOND SUPERFICIAL IN WELL-MEANING EFFORTS DEAL WITH VIETS.

14. GENERAL

DISCUSSING THE DILEMMA THAT FOREIGN ARMS SALES POSE FOR PRES FORD, BEECHER (EVE GLOBE 8/25) POINTS OUT ADMIN MUST NOTIFY CONGRESS SOON OR WILL BE BARRED UNTIL NEXT YEAR FROM SUPPLYING 2.5 BILLION DOLS WORTH ARMS TO 9 COUNTRIES THAT "WOULD NOT LOOK KINDLY" ON DELAY; IF ADMIN MAKES SALE-, RISKS PROVIDING CARTER SUPPORTERS WITH AMMO OVER CHARGES "DUMPING" ADVANCED WEAPONS INTO TROUBLED AREAS. AMONG PROSPECTIVE SALES, MENTIONS 79 MILLION DOLS FOR OV-10 PLANES, 21 MILLION DOLS FOR SIDEWINDERS FOR SK; 118 MILLION DOLS FOR F-5ES FOR SINGAPORE; 28 MILLION DOLS FOR P-3CS FOR AUSTRALIA.

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15. NONALIGNED SUMMIT

BUCHANAN (NYDN) SAYS COLOMBO ESTABLISHED NEW RECORDS FOR "NASTINESS", NO. OF ITS ANTI-US RESOLUTIONS. NOTES COMMUNIST CONQUEST SEA HAILED AS STEP FORWARD FOR MANKIND, BUT

NO MENTION OVER HALF MILLION CAMBODIANS WHO STARVED/MURDERED SINCE LIBERATION DAY YR AGO. CITES FACT US DAMNED FOR IMPERIALISM IN KOREA AT "VERY MOMENT NK CRIMINALS IN MIL DRESS BUTCHERED" 2 US OFFICERS. URGES 5-PT PLAN IN RESPONSE COLOMBO COMMUNIQUE, INCL "AGONIZING REAPPRAISAL" US' AID PROGRAM.

CHIS-T (8/23) NOTES NONALIGNED ADOPTION KOREAN RESOLUTION OVER OBJECTIONS AT LEAST 12 COUNTRIES. CITES ONE BLACK AFRICAN'S OPINION THAT AMONG FELLOW DELEGATES, "BEING PROGRESSIVE CONSISTS OF DENOUNCING CAPITALISM"; DESCRIBING COMMUNISM'S ERROR "DENOUNCED AS REACTION". S-T CONCLUDES IF COLOMBO MTG ENACTED SOME PROPOSALS FROM SPEC UN SESSION YR AGO, WOULD HAVE BEEN FRUITFUL MTG-- "NOTWITHSTANDING THE CHEAP SHOTS AND THE HOT AIR."

WSTAR (8/25) ECHOES MOST OTHER EDITS THAT NOTE RESOLUTION CONDEMNING US IN SK ADOPTED WHILE NK CARRYING OUT FATAL ATTACK AT PANMUNJON. STATES SEVERAL MEMBERS, MAINLY FRIENDLY AFRICAN NATIONS, CLEARLY UNHAPPY W/KOREA RESOLUTION. SAYS "COLLECTIVE RHETORIC" HAS LITTLE BEARING ON US RELS W/INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES, BUT US MUST "KEEP SCORE", EVEN WHEN VIEWING SUCH NON-BINDING DOCUMENTS AS COLOMBO COMMUNIQUE; CONCLUDES SCORE-KEEPING TASK GRIM IN RECENT YRS, BUT NOT NECESSARILY PERMANENT STATE OF AFFAIRS. KISSINGER

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